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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Attached is my opinion on the recent settlement proposed by Microsoft. Please review for your references. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

*Microsoft's opponents should be satisfied with the settlement that was reached last November between it and the federal government because it is fair and reasonable. In fact, it goes above and beyond the scope of the claims of lawsuit, which should make them content. Unfortunately, it appears that certain of Microsoft's adversaries are unsatisfied with the settlement and will probably never be until Microsoft is broken up by the government, which is a step that would not resolve any issues the Microsoft adversaries state as problems, and undermine the original intent of the antitrust laws, which is to protect the consumers.*

*Reasonable people recognize that the settlement is fair. It addresses all of the complaints of Microsoft's adversaries. For example, one of the main complaints was that Microsoft did not allow computer makers to offer any non-Microsoft software without fear of retaliation. In the settlement, Microsoft agreed to not retaliate against computer makers if they choose to ship software that competes with anything Microsoft develops. It has also agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors many Windows interfaces - an unprecedented measure that will improve other companies' software, which in my opinion is akin to Coca-Cola allowing Pepsi to use Coca-Cola's packaging. Lastly, Microsoft has agreed not to enter into any agreements obligating any third party to distribute or promote any Windows technology exclusively. There are several more components to the settlement but these are the most profound, in my estimation.*

*I sincerely hope the settlement is implemented. Too many technology companies have been sitting on the sidelines wondering about the effect of this trial, and it is time to get this ordeal behind us so the technology industry can get back to innovating instead of pondering the future of one of the pioneering agencies. Thank you.*

Sincerely,

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